

Honorable Representatives,

I am seeking your support for HB 5162 and HB 5163, which are bills that would restrict the current authority MDHHS has to mandate future vaccines through the rule-making process. My concern starts with the fact that the Michigan vaccine schedule is one of the most aggressive in the nation and we place 14<sup>th</sup> for infant mortality (infant death) along with some of the other more aggressive mandated vaccination states.

A personal concern of mine is the presence of aborted fetal tissue in vaccines. MDHHS Immunization Director Bob Swanson, has demonstrated a lack of knowledge, or perhaps dishonesty about the full extent of the abortions completed to develop fetal tissue for vaccine development, as well as the number of vaccines containing aborted fetal cell DNA tissue used in the manufacture of live virus vaccines in his public answer to a question during the Curbing Waivers Forum. Numerous live birth abortions were conducted to produce live tissue for these cell lines MRC-5, WI-38, WI-26, HEK-293, RA 237, and VA4. For example WI-38 was the 38<sup>th</sup> abortion needed to make the Rubella cell line lung tissue of a 3 months gestation white (Caucasian) female fetus. A new cell line for vaccines was developed as recently as 2015. Right to Life of Michigan recently issued a press release voicing their support of a parent's right to decline vaccination due to their moral conscience about using vaccines containing aborted fetal tissue. From their press release on October 11, 2017, Right to Life states "All of the common childhood immunizations have versions cultured using aborted fetal cells, for example MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) and DTPP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio), Chicken Pox, Hepatitis A, and Meningococcal to name a few for children. There are No abortion-free alternatives existing for Chicken Pox, Hepatitis A, and MMR." The issue of aborted fetal cells in vaccines has been a well-kept secret, but pro-life families are increasingly becoming aware.

Michigan constituents who have a religious or philosophical belief in regards to the injection of aborted fetal tissue into their children (which carries a number of health risks and has the potential for insertional mutagenesis, acknowledged by the FDA) are required to obtain waivers via an "education session" with the Health Department in order for their children to attend school, even if abstaining from only one vaccine. These re-education sessions are for the sole purpose of trying to bully parents to go against their sincerely held religious beliefs and their conscious objections to vaccinating their own children. Seven states require parental education about vaccines and of those 7, only Michigan requires that a parent travel to the local health department to get a signed certified waiver after being personally re-educated by a government agent. Two of the states accept verification after watching an online video, and the other 4 states require the healthcare provider of parent's choice to provide verification of education.

Should an outbreak occur, children not vaccinated with a corresponding vaccine containing aborted fetal tissue, such as measles and chicken pox, are excluded from school for a minimum of 21 days. Parents must go against their moral conscience and vaccinate their child in order for them to return to school! How can the MDHHS

consider a healthy child to be a disease threat? Even children with HIV and Hepatitis B are not treated with discrimination as a disease threat to the community! And yet the healthy children of parents that seek exemptions from vaccines are discriminated against by MDHHS.

Mandated vaccines containing aborted fetal tissue and the DNA of animals onto Michigan's childhood vaccine schedule, required to allow children to attend school, warrants debate from Michigan's legislature.

The more vaccines placed on the schedule, the greater the likelihood parents will resist the vaccines schedule. Each vaccine added is an additional barrier to pediatric care, and admittance to school.

MDHHS' function to "promote vaccines in a positive light" while not considering safety and efficacy issues violates informed consent principles and presents conflicts of interest issues. It is not in the public interest for those promoting vaccines in a positive way to promote mandating them on the public while refusing to recognize and consider the risks of those vaccines they mandate.

Presently MDHHS is mandating vaccines that many citizens have health, moral, philosophical and ethical objections. Live virus vaccines are propagated on aborted fetal cells and human DNA fragments and cells do remain in the final vaccine product. Right to Life agrees and has publically expressed support of conscientious objection to these vaccines and as a result more people are becoming aware of the ethical issue of aborted fetal cell DNA used in vaccine manufacturing!

In the U.S.A. only the MDHHS dares to demand the indoctrination of parents in a government building to a government standard to sway them away from their sincerely held religious beliefs and philosophical, or conscious objections. No parent needs the permission of the government to have a religious/conscious objection to make a medical decision for their own child. The legislature needs to reign in the MDHHS overreach!

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